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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street S.W.  
Washington DC 20423-0001

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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 439X) BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption – in Bottineau County, ND**

Dear Secretary Williams

On June 26, 2006, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service of 11.90 miles of rail line, extending from milepost 40.10, near Bottineau, to milepost 52.00, near Souris, in Bottineau County, ND. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 58783 and 58318.

By decision served July 14, 2006, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective August 15, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of July 14, 2007. By STB decision served August 6, 2007, the STB extended the consummation date until September 14, 2007. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are attached for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

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cc: North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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